Word of Nishigami and Touka's marriage is spreading around school...
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NO WAY'N HELL!!
I WONDER IF THAT NISHIGAMI REALLY LIKES TOUKA.
THEY'RE CUTTING CLASS WITH A SCHOOL DATE?!
2nd Year Class
THOSE TWO AREN'T COMING BACK...

SITU-ATION...
OTHERWISE I CAN'T THINK OF A SINGLE REASON WHY THEY'D GET MARRIED...
THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME KINDA WEIRD SITUATION.

IF ONLY THAT MATSUSHIRO HAD TOLD ME THIS MORNING.
IF IT'S AN UNA-VOIDABLE SITUATION THEN IT'S OKAY.
ITSUKI SAID THAT THE MARRIAGE WAS FOR SOLVING THE KIDNAPPING CASE.
Y-YEAH THAT'S RIGHT!

WHAA-AAAT?!
JEEZ, THEY WON'T SHUT UP ABOUT IT, LOSERS.
WHATEVER THE SITUATION MAY BE, IT'S BETWEEN THOSE TWO ONLY. OTHER PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
Boys are so stupid.
THEY'RE OVERFLOWING WITH JEALOUSY. SO UNSIGHTLY.
J...
JEALOUSY?
DID THEY JUST SAY JEALOUSY? AM I BEING JEALOUS?!!

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various complex thoughts
Chapter 16
Who are you?
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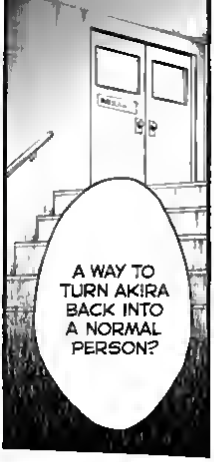
THERE ARE NONE.


A WAY TO TURN AKIRA BACK INTO A NORMAL PERSON?

HMPH.
AFTER I FINALLY GOT A FRANK CONVERSATION WITH YOU, I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY USEFUL INFORMATION.

JUST LIKE I SAID. THOSE WHO ARE RESURRECTED ARE DESTINED TO CONTINUE LIVING THROUGH BODY TRANSFER.
IF THEY LEAVE THE ISLAND THEY WILL BREAK APART AND SCATTER.

...IS THIS HOW YOU TALK TO OTHER HUMAN BEINGS?
CUT ME SOME SLACK. I CAN HARDLY SIT UP STRAIGHT.
IF IT'S SO PAINFUL, SHOULD I BRING YOU TO THE INFIRMARY?
UH— THE INFIRMARY?!
NO, THE INFIRMARY WILL JUST MAKE ME FEEL EVEN WORSE.
?
ANYWAYS, I STILL HAVE MORE TO TALK ABOUT.
THERE MIGHT BE SOME SECRETS LEFT ABOUT RESURRECTION THAT EVEN YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT YET.
CAN YOU JUST WORK WITH ME ON FINDING WAYS TO RETURN YOU AND WAKANAE BACK TO NORMAL?
AKIRA... AKIRA... HUH?
YOU REALLY LIKE AKIRA, DON'T YOU, NISHIGAMI?
DO YOU STILL THINK, THEN, THAT MARRYING ME IS A GOOD IDEA?
W—

MY FEELINGS
WAKANAE..

I ONLY FEEL LIKE I SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIRST TIME SHE DIED.
I DON'T LIKE HER AT ALL!
BESIDES, EVEN WAKANAE HERSELF DOESN'T...

HOW THIS RELATES TO OUR MARRIAGE.
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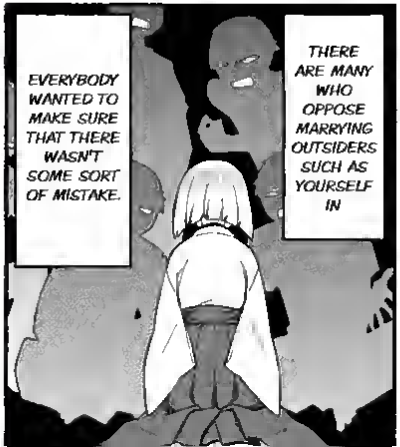
...ACTUALLY, WHAT I HAD TO SAY WAS REGARDING

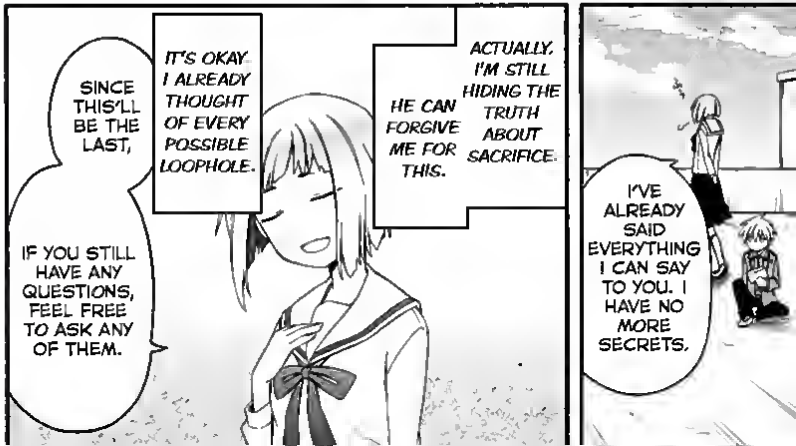

EVERYBODY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WASN'T SOME SORT OF MISTAKE.
THERE ARE MANY WHO OPPOSE MARRYING OUTSIDERS SUCH AS YOURSELF IN

THE *CHOSEN MARRIAGE* IS MEANT TO KEEP THE SECRET,
BUT THE *LAW* OF THE ISLAND WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED FOR THE SAKE OF THE ISLAND'S PEOPLE.

B...BUT IF THE MARRIAGE IS REVOKED, I WON'T BE ABLE TO TALK TO YOU ANY MORE, WILL I?
CORRECT. THIS WOULD BE OUR LAST CONVERSATION LIKE THIS.
PLEASE THINK OF THIS AS THE LAST CHANCE.
IT'S NOT TOO LATE NOW TO CANCEL THE MARRIAGE.
I'LL TAKE UP ANY INVESTIGATION FOR AKIRA'S SAKE.
I MEAN NO ILL WILL.
AT THE SAME TIME AS THE REVOCATION, YOU WOULD ALSO WITHDRAW FROM ANY MATTERS INVOLVING RESURRECTION.
THIS IS FINE.
NO
AM I BEING TOO SOFT?
THERE ARE NO SECOND CHANCES.
IF YOU DECIDE YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME AGAIN, ANOTHER MARRIAGE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.
...THIS IS THE LAST...

...WELL, I'M NOT CRAZY ABOUT MARRYING YOU, EITHER.
IF WE DECIDE AGAINST IT, I'D BE FINE WITH IT...
IT'S OKAY. HE'S AN ALLY.
NISHIGAMI PUT HIS LIFE ON THE LINE FOR AKIRA.

WELL.
I'D BE UNEASY UNLESS I CONSTANTLY KEPT WATCH FROM THE SIDELINES.
YOU'RE FULL OF SECRETS, JUST LIKE LADY HAHANE
I DUNNO ABOUT LEAVING THE RES-URRECTION BUSINESS WITH YOU, THOUGH.


SINCE THIS'LL BE THE LAST,
IF YOU STILL HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO ASK ANY OF THEM.
IT'S OKAY. I ALREADY THOUGHT OF EVERY POSSIBLE LOOPHOLE.
HE CAN FORGIVE ME FOR THIS.
ACTUALLY, I'M STILL HIDING THE TRUTH ABOUT SACRIFICE.
I'VE ALREADY SAID EVERYTHING I CAN SAY TO YOU. I HAVE NO MORE SECRETS.

...OKAY, THEN I HAVE ONE MORE THING TO ASK.
WHO ARE YOU?

NOT HERE, EITHER!
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OR HERE.
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NOT HERE.
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THEY'RE OVERFLOWING WITH JEALOUSY. SO UNSIGHTLY.
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THEY'RE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND IN SCHOOL.
JUST WHERE COULD THEY HAVE GONE?
THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS.
I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF SITUATION WE'RE IN!
THIS INVOLVES ME, TOO!
WAKANAE?
MA... MATSU-SHIRO.

WELL, JUST...
IT'S A SECRET.
WHAT WERE YOU...
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WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU DOING ON THE ROOF?! IT'S OFF LIMITS!
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H— HOW COULD YOU...
SHE TOLD ME IT WAS OKAY IF WE DIDN'T GET MARRIED.
HUH?
W—
SECRET? YOU MEAN T-T-THAT?!
WAS IT ABOUT MARRIAGE?!
APPARENTLY, THOUGH, IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REVOKE THE ENGAGEMENT.
TURNS OUT THERE WERE A FEW DOWN-SIDES TO IT, TOO
TO BEGIN WITH, THE MARRIAGE WAS A DEAL MADE TO HELP CATCH THE KIDNAPPER.

OOHH.
IT'S OKAY... IF WE DON'T GET MARRIED
I SEE.
SO THE MARRIAGE PLANS ARE CANCEL-
NO.
I DECLINED.

WAKANAE... SHE'S...
WHO... AM I?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I'M HIRASAKA TOUK-
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN

WERE YOU BORN AS HIRASAKA TOUKA?
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW.

IF THE SECRET BEHIND RESURRECTION IS IMMORTALITY THROUGH BODY TRANSFER
YOUR BODY MAY BE OF HIRASAKA TOUKA'S, BUT THERE'S NO SAYING THE SOUL HAS TO BELONG TO HER
AREN'T YOU JUST SOMEBODY ELSE USING HIRASAKA TOUKA'S BODY?
I DON'T THINK YOUR DEATH DURING THE ABDUCTION CASE WAS YOUR FIRST
WHEN WAS YOUR FIRST DEATH— YOUR FIRST RESURRECTION— THEN?
WHAT WAS THE CAUSE?

DON'T TELL THIS TO ANYBODY.
LOOKS LIKE I STEPPED ON A LANDMINE.
TO SERVE AS A VESSEL FOR THE RESURRECTED ONE?
KEEPING SECRETS, DISTANCING YOURSELF FROM OTHERS ISN'T THE ROLE OF THE PRIESTESS
BE IT AKIRA OR OTHER-WISE
TO SHOCK OUT A CONFES-SION, BUT...
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I HAVE NO PROOF. I WAS JUST TRYING...
NISHI-GAMI.
TAKE IT OUT.
"IT...?"
THE ENVELOPE FROM THIS MORNING.
OH, NOT "MATSUSHIRO" ANY MORE...?
SO IT'D BE CONVENIENT FOR ME TO REMAIN AS A FIANCEÉ, RIGHT?
UM...
HOW DO I PUT IT...I NEED TO GET TO KNOW HER BETTER,
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I STILL HAVEN'T READ IT YET.
I'LL DO IT NO-
AH-
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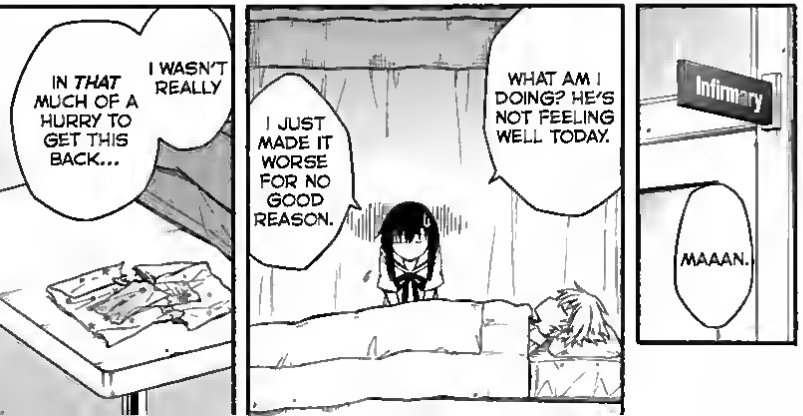
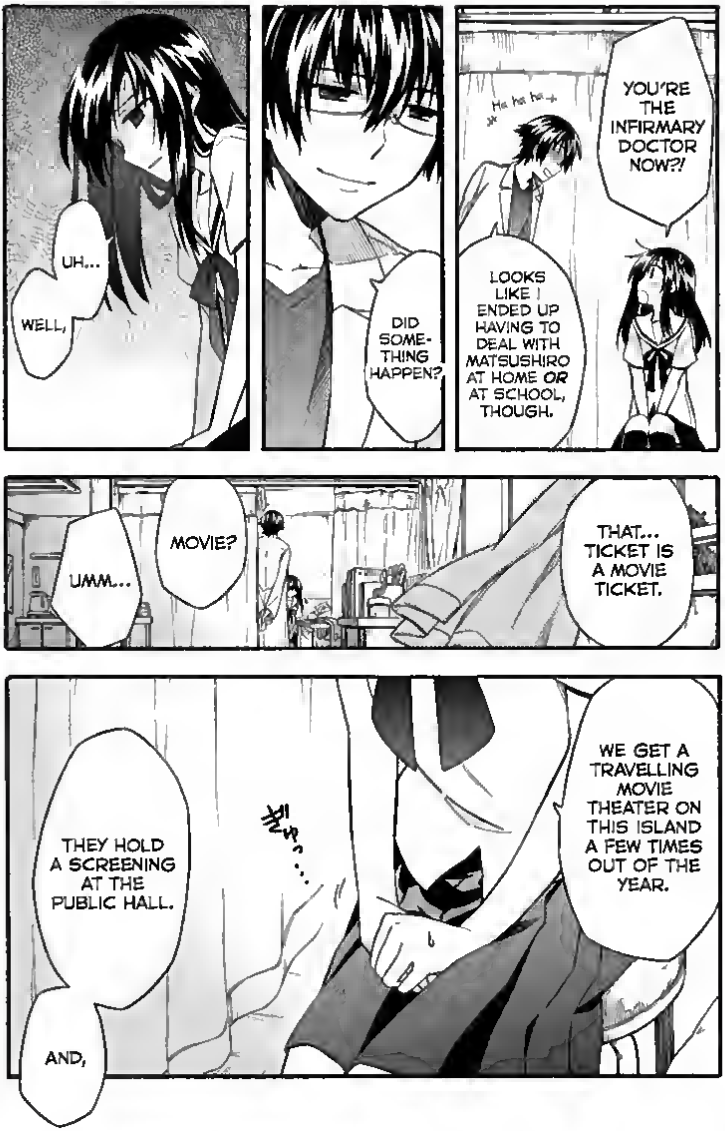
I TAKE IT BACK.
I TAKE BACK GIVING IT TO YOU!
?! WHAT? WHY?
YOU GAVE IT TO ME ONCE, SO NOW IT'S MINE!
GIVE IT BACK!
NO!
I HAVE TO THROW IT AWAY! I DON'T NEED IT ANY MORE!
I'LL BE THE DECIDER OF THAT!
LET GO OF IT, YOU...
NOOOOO WAAAAY!

AH–
WAKA-
NAE!!
OW!

OWWW...I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE...
HUH? NISHIGAMI ...?
NISHI-GAMI!!!


I WASN'T REALLY IN THAT MUCH OF A HURRY TO GET THIS BACK...
I JUST MADE IT WORSE FOR NO GOOD REASON.
WHAT AM I DOING? HE'S NOT FEELING WELL TODAY.
Infirmary
MAAAN.

HMMM. IS THIS...
SOME SORT OF TICKET...?
KU... KURO?!!
WHY ARE YOU IN SCHOOL, KURO?!
HMM? MATSU-SHIRO DIDN'T TELL YOU?
THE DOCTOR IS ON MATERNITY LEAVE SO I'M PART-TIMING HERE AS RELIEF.
STARTING FROM TODAY, I'LL BE YOUR SCHOOL DOCTOR.


UH...
WELL,
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
Ha ha ha
YOU'RE THE INFIRMARY DOCTOR NOW?!
LOOKS LIKE I ENDED UP HAVING TO DEAL WITH MATSUSHIRO AT HOME OR AT SCHOOL, THOUGH.
UMM...
MOVIE?
THAT... TICKET IS A MOVIE TICKET.
AND,
THEY HOLD A SCREENING AT THE PUBLIC HALL.
WE GET A TRAVELLING MOVIE THEATER ON THIS ISLAND A FEW TIMES OUT OF THE YEAR.

I WANTED TO INVITE HIM AS THANKS FOR SAVING ME.
BUT,
I FIGURED IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF HE WENT WITH TOU-THE OTHER GIRL HE'S CLOSE TO...
IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT ME GOING WITH HIM WOULDN'T REALLY BE ANY SORT OF THANKS...
I GUESS THIS REALLY IS A FEELING OF *JEALOUSY* AFTER ALL...
UGH, LOOK AT ME...
I-I'M LIKE A LITTLE KID...

NOOOO, I REALLY AM PRETTY CHILDISH ...!!
BEING PATTED ON THE HEAD LIKE THIS ACTUALLY MAKES ME FEEL BETTER...!
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YOU'RE NOT A LITTLE KID.
IT HURTS BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT A KID.
Pa-t
ANYBODY WOULD FEEL THIS WAY.
Pa-t
EXCUSE ME.
TOUKA!
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WELL, EVEN IF I TELL YOU THIS, MATSUSHIRO'S A BIG AIRHEAD SO HE PROBABLY WON'T EVEN NOTICE...
AKIRA...
ARE YOU OKAY? I HEARD YOU FELL DOWN THE STAIRS
I'M JUST DANDY, BUT NISHIGAMI...

.....
.....
? WHAT'S UP?
MATSU-SHIRO'S FINE. HE'S JUST TAKING A LITTLE NAP, IS ALL.
YOU CAN GO BACK TO CLASS. LEAVE IT TO ME.
OH, TOUKA CAN'T TALK TO MEN.
SHRINE MAIDEN LAW.

YEAH, BUT IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE... WELL, YOU CAN'T RESPOND TO THAT, CAN YOU?
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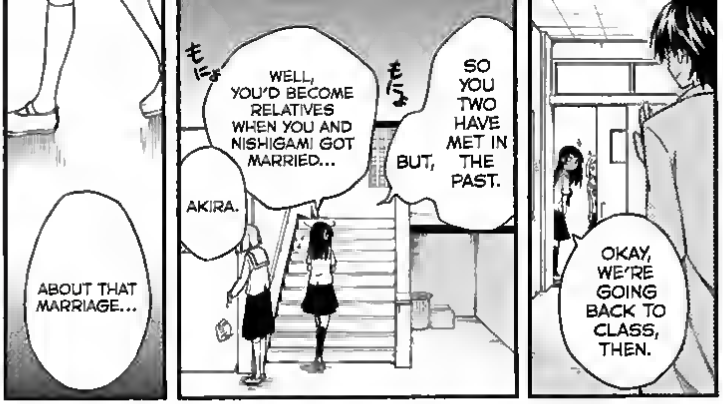
OHHH? SHE WAS TALKING TO ME JUST FINE WHEN WE LAST MET, THOUGH...
HUH? YOU TWO HAVE MET BEFORE?


ABOUT THAT MARRIAGE...
AKIRA.
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WELL, YOU'D BECOME RELATIVES WHEN YOU AND NISHIGAMI GOT MARRIED...
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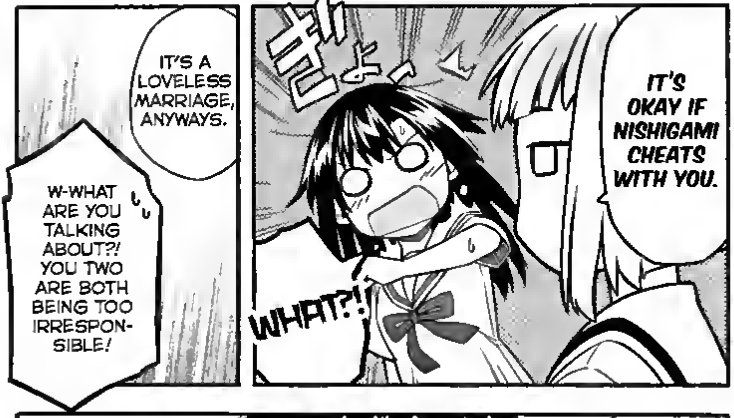
BUT,
SO YOU TWO HAVE MET IN THE PAST.
OKAY, WE'RE GOING BACK TO CLASS, THEN.


IT'S A LOVELESS MARRIAGE, ANYWAYS.
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! YOU TWO ARE BOTH BEING TOO IRRESPONSIBLE!
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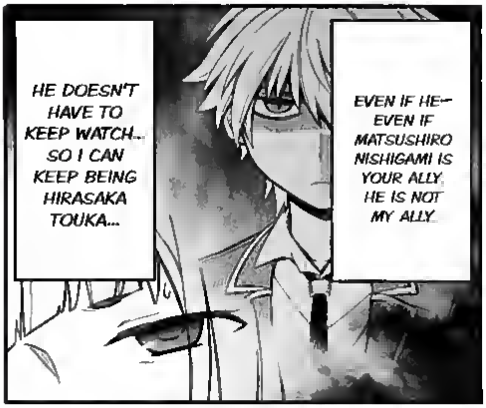
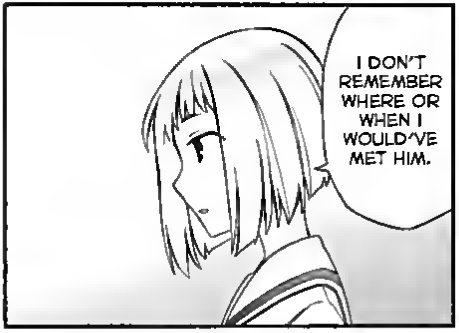
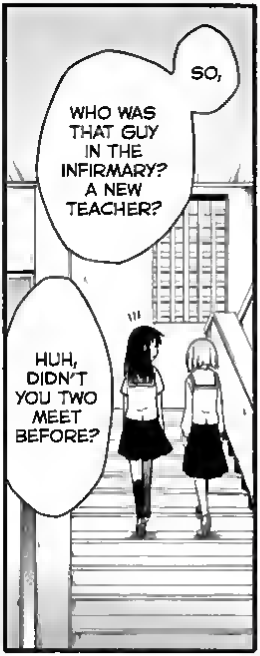
WHAT?!
IT'S OKAY IF NISHIGAMI CHEATS WITH YOU.

I'M NOT A KID ANY MORE, YOU KNOW!
IF I DO THAT, IT'LL BE MORE PAINFUL WHEN YOU TWO ARE CLOSER!


HE DOESN'T HAVE TO KEEP WATCH... SO I CAN KEEP BEING HIRASAKA TOUKA...
EVEN IF HE-- EVEN IF MATSUSHIRO NISHIGAMI IS YOUR ALLY, HE IS NOT MY ALLY.

AKIRA'S SO CUTE.
SORRY ABOUT NISHI-GAMI.


I DON'T REMEMBER WHERE OR WHEN I WOULD'VE MET HIM.


SO, WHO WAS THAT GUY IN THE INFIRMARY? A NEW TEACHER?
HUH, DIDN'T YOU TWO MEET BEFORE?

OH, I SEE.
IF YOU TWO WERE TALKING THEN IT MUST'VE BEEN BEFORE YOU BECAME THE PRIESTESS.

WHATEVER HAPPENED BEFORE TOUKA DIED AND I BECAME THE PRIESTESS...
IT'S NO WONDER I FORGOT, THEN. IT MUST'VE BEEN WHEN HE VISITED LONG AGO.
WELL, THAT'D BE PRETTY FAR BACK.
SAYING "I DON'T CARE" WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE.
IN TRUTH, RATHER THAN "I DON'T REMEMBER"
WELL,
HE'S CALLED KURO, AND HE'S NISHIGAMI'S ...
.....
TOUKA?

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?! YOU'RE TREMBLING.
HUH?
HUH ...?
WHAT'S GOING ON? I'M NOT DOING IT CONSCIOUSLY ...

IT WON'T STOP.
I'M...
GETTING THE CHILLS... AS IF I'M HAVING A NIGHTMARE.
TOUKA COWERS. WHAT HISTORY DO THESE TWO SHARE...?!
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